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SACRAMENTO COUNTY WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY
TO FELONY SOCIAL SECURITY FRAUD

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced that ANGELICA FERRER, 72, of Antelope, California pled guilty today before United States District Judge Frank C. Damrell to stealing United States Social Security Administration funds.

This case is the product of extensive investigation by the United States Social Security Administration, Office of the Inspector General.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Michelle Rodriguez, who is prosecuting the case, FERRER admitted in her plea that from 1979 through April 2005 she claimed to be unmarried in order to receive increased social security benefits under one social security number, and under another social security number, she unlawfully claimed to be an unmarried disabled individual entitled to social security benefits. FERRER received approximately \$131,000 in social security funds to which she was not entitled under two different social security numbers during these years. According to the plea agreement in this case, FERRER will make full restitution to the United States for her theft of Social Security Administration funds.

FERRER is scheduled to be sentenced on March 19, 2007. The maximum penalty she faces is 10 years imprisonment, a 3-year term of supervised release, and a fine of up to \$250,000. However, the actual sentence will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables, and any applicable statutory sentencing factors.

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